

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A table base, comprising:

a base with a dome configuration having an aperture with internal threads, wherein the base may rest upon the floor, wherein a central hub surrounds the aperture, and wherein a plurality of unitary support veins extend from the central hub and each of the plurality of unitary support veins terminates in a floor pad;

a spider plate having an aperture with internal threads, wherein the spider plate may directly receive a table top; and

a column having an external surface, a first end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the base, and a second end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the spider plate[[: and]]

~~a set screw for engaging at least one column end to the corresponding base or spider plate, wherein the set screw is oriented radially to the column end.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (amended) The table base as set forth in claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

6. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the spider plate has a central hub surrounding the aperture.

7. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 6, wherein the spider plate has a plurality of unitary support arms extending from the central hub.

8. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of unitary support arms has a plurality of screw holes for attaching the spider plate to a table top.

9. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 6, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

10. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base and spider plate are manufactured from cast iron.

11. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein an adhesive is applied to the threads.

12. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the column is a tube.

13. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 12, wherein the column is manufactured from steel.

14. (previously presented) The table base as set forth in claim 12, wherein the column is adapted to received the set screw.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (amended) The table base as set forth in claim 1 ~~claim 3~~, wherein each unitary support vein is of substantially equal length.

18. (amended) The table base as set forth in claim 6 ~~claim 8~~, wherein each unitary support arm is of substantially equal length.

19. (new) A table base, comprising:

a base having an aperture with internal threads, wherein the base may rest upon the floor, wherein a central hub surrounds the aperture, and further wherein a plurality of unitary support veins extend from the central hub, each of the plurality of unitary support veins is located on the underside of the base, and each of the plurality of unitary support veins terminates in a floor pad;

a spider plate having an aperture with internal threads, wherein the spider plate may directly receive a table top; and

a column having an external surface, a first end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the base, and a second end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the spider plate.

20. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

21. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein the spider plate has a central hub surrounding the aperture.

22. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 21, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

23. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 21, wherein the spider plate has a plurality of unitary support arms extending from the central hub.

24. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 23, wherein each of the plurality of unitary support arms has a plurality of screw holes for attaching the spider plate to a table top.

25. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein the base and spider plate are manufactured from cast iron.

26. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein an adhesive is applied to the threads.

27. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein the column is a tube.

28. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 27, wherein the column is manufactured from steel.

29. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 27, wherein the column is adapted to received a set screw.

30. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 19, wherein each unitary support vein is of substantially equal length.

31. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 23, wherein each unitary support arm is of substantially equal length.